

# Kissinger to Algiers today

## Gen. Gamasy replaces Shazli as Egyptian Army Chief of Staff



Gen. Gamasy (Romen)

Army is Maj-Gen. Ahmed Badawi Ahmed who replaced Maj-Gen. Abdul-Monem Waseel who was often blamed for the encirclement of his army on the eastern bank of the Suez Canal following Israel's thrust into the western side of the waterway.

Maj-Gen. Hassan Ghazali was named as Chief of Operations — the post Gamasy had held. MENA last night hailed Gamasy as the officer who headed the operations during the phase of preparations and execution of the October war, while his successor was said to have "served for a long time on the board of operations."

The reshuffle curiously followed a recent flurry of statements by the outgoing commanders who revealed details on the October war operations while often hinting at the failure of the Cairo-based general command to cope with the Israeli bulge crossing to the west in its initial stages.

In their statements the outgoing commanders further indicated their preference to deal with the situation by military means and at an early stage while the Egyptian political leadership engaged itself in diplomatic activity.

It was difficult to assess last night the impact of the reshuffle in the ranks of the Egyptian armed forces which have been preoccupied in the past few days with increased combat alertness along the Suez Canal front.

By ANAN SAFADI  
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Egyptian President Anwar Sadat last night carried out a major military reshuffle under which Lt-Gen. Mohammed Abdul-Ghani Gamasy, who headed the cease-fire military negotiations with Israel, was appointed Chief of Staff. Sadat also named new commanders to the Egyptian Second and Third Armies, both now along the Suez Canal.

Gamasy replaced General Sa'ad Eddin Shazli who has been in the limelight since Egypt crossed the Suez Canal last October. He was often reported to have pressed for the renewal of fighting especially when Gamasy conducted military negotiations with Israel.

Shazli, at kilometre 101 on the Cairo-Suez highway, before they broke off late last month.

Egypt's official Middle East News Agency said that the reshuffle was aimed at "strengthening the General Command of the armed forces," adding that the changes were made at the recommendation of War Minister Ahmed Ismail Ali.

The agency said that the recommendations "emphasized the necessity of benefiting from the combat experience of the October war to strengthen the command, open the way to all fighters to reach high command ranks and to boost the command's youth."

Named as commander of the Second Army was Maj-Gen. Fuad

IMPROVED TIES  
British officials conveyed the impression that Kissinger's talks with Douglas-Home helped heal the rift in Anglo-American relations which grew out of the Middle East war.

Later last night, Kissinger called for the U.S., Europe, Japan and Canada to collaborate in all areas for solving the energy crisis on a common basis.

In a major foreign policy address before the Pilgrims, an Anglo-American friendship society, Kissinger said: "The United States proposes that the nations of Europe, North America and Japan establish an energy action group of senior and prestigious individuals, with a mandate to develop within three months an initial action programme for collaboration in all areas of the energy problem."

Kissinger told the pilgrims that "the United States is prepared to make a very major financial and intellectual contribution to the objective of solving the energy problem on a common basis."

Dr. Kissinger said the current energy crisis was not simply a product of the Arab-Israeli war, during which Arab oil states began an embargo on oil deliveries to western nations. "The Middle East war made a chronic crisis acute, but a crisis was coming in any event," he told the Pilgrims.

## Eban denies rift with Dayan over meeting Syrians

Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent

Foreign Minister Abba Eban sought to damp down yesterday speculation that he and Defence Minister Dayan were at loggerheads over Israel's policy on non-attendance at the Geneva peace conference with Syria unless Syria first complies with the Geneva Convention on prisoners of war.

In a statement issued last night, the Foreign Minister rebutted a headline in an afternoon paper which said he had "expressed reservations" at Mr. Dayan's interpretation of the Cabinet's decision.

Mr. Dayan had said on Tuesday that, in his opinion the Cabinet decision

meant that Israel would not attend the peace conference if Syria is invited but has not yet issued lists of the PoWs in its hands and allowed Red Cross officials to visit them. (Mr. Dayan's statement was itself unclear — especially on the question of whether Israel would boycott the peace conference if Syria was invited to it or only if Syria actually attended.)

Mr. Eban's statement said: "The Foreign Minister did not express any reservations at the statements of other ministers. He simply answered questions from an audience at a gathering in Jerusalem."

"He defined the Government's position as refusal to sit at a peace conference with Syria until Syria submits a list of PoWs, allows the Red Cross to visit them, and treats them according to the provisions of the Geneva Convention."

"The Foreign Minister added that he hoped Syria would accede to the appeals of the Red Cross and of the sponsors of the peace conference, and that if it did not, Israel would be prepared to sit at the conference without Syria and just with Egypt, Jordan and Lebanon."

A decision will be taken at the last moment — probably Monday night — on what the Israeli delegation is to do if the Syrians turn up

at the conference without having complied with these minimal preconditions concerning prisoners of war, informed sources said last night. One possibility is that if the Syrians enter the conference chamber — the Israel delegation will leave.

Preparations are going ahead (Continued on page 2, col. 1)

## Tekoa sees Chinese envoy

Israel's Ambassador to the U.N., Yosef Tekoa, met yesterday with Chinese Ambassador Huang Hua, this month's president of the Security Council. This was the first official meeting between Israeli and Chinese officials in more than 20 years, Israel Radio's Haim Yavin reported from New York last night.

Mr. Tekoa warned against the intervention of the Security Council in the forthcoming Geneva peace talks. He told the Council president that there was now a chance for direct Israel-Arab negotiations and that other states should not interfere. Mr. Huang said he would pass on the Israeli Ambassador's views to the other members of the Council.

## Full schedule for Kissinger

Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent

U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, due in Israel on Sunday for a 24-hour visit, has declined an invitation to meet with the Knesset Defence and Foreign Affairs Committee. He explained that he wants to preserve all the time available for discussions with Premier Meir and her ministers.

Dr. Kissinger is scheduled to meet with Mrs. Meir twice — once on Sunday and again on Monday morning for a summing-up session. He will also confer with Messrs. Aharon, Dayan and Eban and perhaps with senior army officers. He will have a "working dinner" at Mr. Eban's residence on Sunday and spend the night at the King David Hotel in the capital.

U.S. Embassy officials are preparing facilities at the hotel for a press conference — should Dr. Kissinger decide to hold one. The Secretary will decide on this after he arrives in Israel. If there is to be a press conference it will be either late on Sunday night, or on Monday morning after Dr. Kissinger's second meeting with Premier Meir.

The Cabinet will meet tomorrow — with Ambassador Huang Hua participating — to prepare for the Secretary's visit.

The Cabinet will also approve Foreign Minister Abba Eban's speech for delivery at the opening session of the Geneva peace conference next week — since this will be the last full-scale Cabinet meeting before the peace conference.

ANAN SAFADI examines the new wave of activity amongst the Palestinians in the light of the upcoming peace talks.

PHILIP GILLON talks with Uzi Narkiss about Kissinger and his Middle East doctrine.

MICHAEL CHECINSKI and MAC SHAIBE reflect on Soviet arms prices and why they are such a bargain on the world market.

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## Eight injured in Hebron grenade blast

### Yariv to be demobilized

Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter

Hebronites, including a powerful yesterday wounded in the attack. The assault marked the first terrorist activity in parts of the West Bank since the 1967 war.

The explosion was the fourth in the less than two weeks, after attacks in the Old City of Jerusalem and Nablus, where the Governor was seriously injured.

Today's attack took place in a market place in Hebron. A Palestinian was shot last Friday in an exchange of fire between Israeli forces and a group of terrorists.

Terrorist activity on the West Bank has been continuing with undiminished fervor, with this week a security crackdown in all parts of the West Bank, after four virtually complete security crackdowns earlier this year.

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Aluf Aharon Yariv is to be demobilized from active Army service next week to run as candidate in the general elections, it was learned yesterday.

Aluf Yariv, who was called up in the reserves at the beginning of the war, has represented Israel in the 101st Airborne Division. A former Army Intelligence chief, he will be campaigning for the Labour Alignment.

Aluf Yariv is not due to join the Israel delegation to the opening of the Geneva peace conference next week, but was expected to attend at a later stage if and when the disengagement of forces issue is tackled.

## HIGHER PETROL PRICES SEEN

Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter

The recent increase in petrol prices is not going to be the last, official circles intimated yesterday.

World oil prices have gone up three-fold since the local price adjustment two months ago, and this is prompting a further revision upwards.

In Tel Aviv yesterday, Dr. Zvi Dinshin, Deputy Finance Minister and Israel's "oil chief," told a seminar that the country's fuel reserves were "satisfactory," it was reported.

## Hebron mayor sees Syrian PoWs

Hebron Mayor Sheikh Mohammed Ali Jabari yesterday visited the Syrian prisoners of war held in Israel and told them he hoped that Syria would soon release the Israeli prisoners of war so that all should be able to return home.

After having been assured by the Syrian prisoners that they feel well and are treated well, Sheikh Jabari also expressed the hope that Syria would treat the Israeli prisoners the same way.

## Booby-trapped radio found and dismantled

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A booby-trapped radio was discovered and dismantled yesterday morning near Tayur, not far from another booby-trapped radio earlier this week.

The radio was found in a field by one of the Tulkarm-area men working at neighbouring Nitzanei Oz had been in the face and hands on when he turned on a radio in a field, he did not see a transmitter but instead a candy-box or whatever — left lying about, and to instead.

## Cairo highlights Red Sea blockade by the Arabs

Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter

Cairo's illustrated magazines this week played up the maintenance of the Egyptian blockade at Bab el-Mandeb straits at the southern end of the Red Sea although other Arab press reports indicated that the blockade was being eased. The Cairo magazines featured Arab warships at the straits, said now to be under the joint control of Egypt, and North and South Yemen.

The Syrian official news agency yesterday filed a report from Kuwait, claiming that Israeli ships "protected by the U.S. Seventh Fleet" have broken through the Arab blockade at Bab el-Mandeb — but afterwards the agency cancelled the report.

The agency said in the original dispatch that the Israeli "break-through" took place on Monday.

## Soviet budget pledge for consumer goods

(UPI). — The Soviet Union announced yesterday a budget for 1974 and promised citizens more consumer goods and food on the new year.

Minister Vasily Garbuzov said that the Soviet Union would reach 193.962 billion rubles (29.9 billion), up more than 10 per cent from 1973.

He said the 1974 budget would be 200 billion rubles (\$23.5 billion) down slightly from this year.

But Western military experts regard the announced defence figure as meaningless. They say the real figure may be triple that amount, with defence funds concealed in the heavy industry and other sectors of the budget.

Garbuzov said defence spending would represent 9.1 per cent of the total compared to 9.9 per cent in 1973. Despite a relaxation of tensions in the world, he said, "reactionary, imperialist circles continue to hinder détente" in many areas.

State Planning Chairman Nikolai Baibakov announced a return to the emphasis on consumer items in 1974.

After a disastrous crop year in 1972, the Soviets scaled down their economic plan and gave priority temporarily to heavy industry at the expense of the consumer.

But Baibakov announced a record crop this year, even higher than the 214 million ton figure given last month by Communist Party general secretary Leonid Brezhnev.

Baibakov said consumer production would rise 7.5 per cent in 1974 and heavy industry output would go up 6.6 per cent. He said emphasis would be placed on improving clothing and footwear and housing construction would continue to rise.

He made no mention of the energy crisis in the West but assured the nation "a normal and uninterrupted supply" of fuel and electricity. He urged economies in their use in apparent recognition of possible fuel shortages in years ahead.

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## Esso to pay \$10m. for abducted official

Buenos Aires (Reuters). — The Esso Oil Company has agreed to pay a record \$10m. "Father Christmas" ransom demanded by guerrillas for the release of kidnapped American executive Victor Samuelson, informed sources said here yesterday.

The ransom will be in goods — food, clothes and construction materials — to be distributed as a "Father Christmas" ransom in poor neighbourhoods all over the country, the sources said.

Officials of the Argentine affiliate of the U.S. company were silent over whether negotiations were under way with the Marxist guerrillas of the "People's Revolutionary Army" (ERP) who kidnapped Samuelson last Thursday.

## Bonn-Sofia ties established

SOPIA (AP). — Bulgaria and West Germany agreed to establish diplomatic relations, the Bulgarian news agency BTA reported last night.

The report came only one day after West German Chancellor Willy Brandt signed in Prague an historic normalization treaty with Czechoslovakia, providing for mutual recognition.



NEW AUSTRIAN CAMP—One of the first transports of Soviet Jews arriving at new camp at Weollersdorf on Wednesday. Gendarmes car on left.

## Shooting along both fronts; Israel, Syrian tanks in action

Jerusalem Post Military Correspondent

TIEL AVIV. — Syrian and Israeli tanks exchanged fire for the second consecutive day in the northern sector of the Golan Heights yesterday. A number of clashes were also reported from the southern front, where IDF and Egyptian outposts traded mortar and light automatic weapons fire, including one 45-minute exchange in the Fayid area.

The Syrians opened fire at about 10 a.m., concentrating on Israeli outposts in the Mazarat Beit Jann area. They also fired several mortars salvos into the area. Israeli tanks returned the fire.

A second exchange of tank and artillery fire took place in the same area yesterday afternoon. Syrian guns opened fire at 3 p.m. IDF

artillery units returned a counter-barrage, and more intermittent exchanges continued until 4.30 p.m. (The Syrian military spokesman in Damascus, quoted by Reuters, said the shooting started after an Israeli engineers' unit moved forward. The spokesman claimed destroying an Israeli missile vehicle, three tanks, a machinegun and a bulldozer, in return for the destruction of one Syrian vehicle. He said over a dozen Israeli casualties were inflicted.)

On the southern front, Egyptian troops fired on a morning patrol combing the south-western approaches to the Fayid sector, on the Egyptian side of the Canal. The ensuing exchange of light arms fire lasted some 45 minutes.

Other exchanges took place at about 10 a.m., east of the Kantara-Balah sector and at points north-east of Idku on the Sinai side of the Canal.

The concluding incident of the day was reported from Adabiya on the Egyptian side of the Gulf of Suez at 4.30 p.m., where Egyptian troops opened up with light automatic weapons and mortars, on IDF outposts stationed in the area.

Military observers here suggest that the only plausible explanation for the repeated Egyptian violations of the cease-fire — apart from attempting to interfere with Israeli digging-in operations — is to keep tension at the highest possible pitch, just short of an open renewal of hostilities.

## LIKE HITLER-STALIN AGREEMENT 'SECRET U.S., SOVIET PACT ON OIL INTERVENTION'

By JACK MAURICE  
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

PARIS. — There is a growing belief in military, diplomatic and political circles here that a secret pact has been concluded between Washington and Moscow under which Arab oil states would come under direct American or Soviet control, if necessary by military intervention.

The existence of such a pact would explain the numerous Arab warnings in the past few days made by Saudi Arabia, Algeria and Kuwait that "we will blow up the oil wells if we are attacked."

The belief here is that just as the Pope divided the world between Spain and Portugal in the Middle Ages and the 1945 Yalta conference

carved up Europe, the new pact between the two super powers apportions strategic oil sources between them.

There would of course have to be some justification for direct intervention and it is believed here that it could arise over an Arab blockade over the Bab el-Mandeb straits — although the real reason would be the far more dangerous Arab oil blockade against the West which is boomeranging on the Soviet Common trade bloc as well as the American market.

Diplomats here see this Nixon-Brezhnev pact as being every bit as cynical as the Hitler-Stalin agreement in August 1939, partitioning Poland. Both dictators gained from this agreement, just as Nixon and

Brezhnev can hardly lose over their pact.

But does such a pact really exist? The French weekly "Nouvel Observateur" first hinted at Western military intervention against Arab oil states weeks before the outbreak of the Yom Kippur War. The report envisaged the use of airborne Iranian and Israeli troops with tacit American backing. There was no hint then of Russia joining in.

But the situation has changed drastically with experts in Washington and Moscow for the first time learning something — by no means all — of the importance of oil to the world economy, and especially their own. Their concern over the impact on their own home fronts at an economic slump far surpasses

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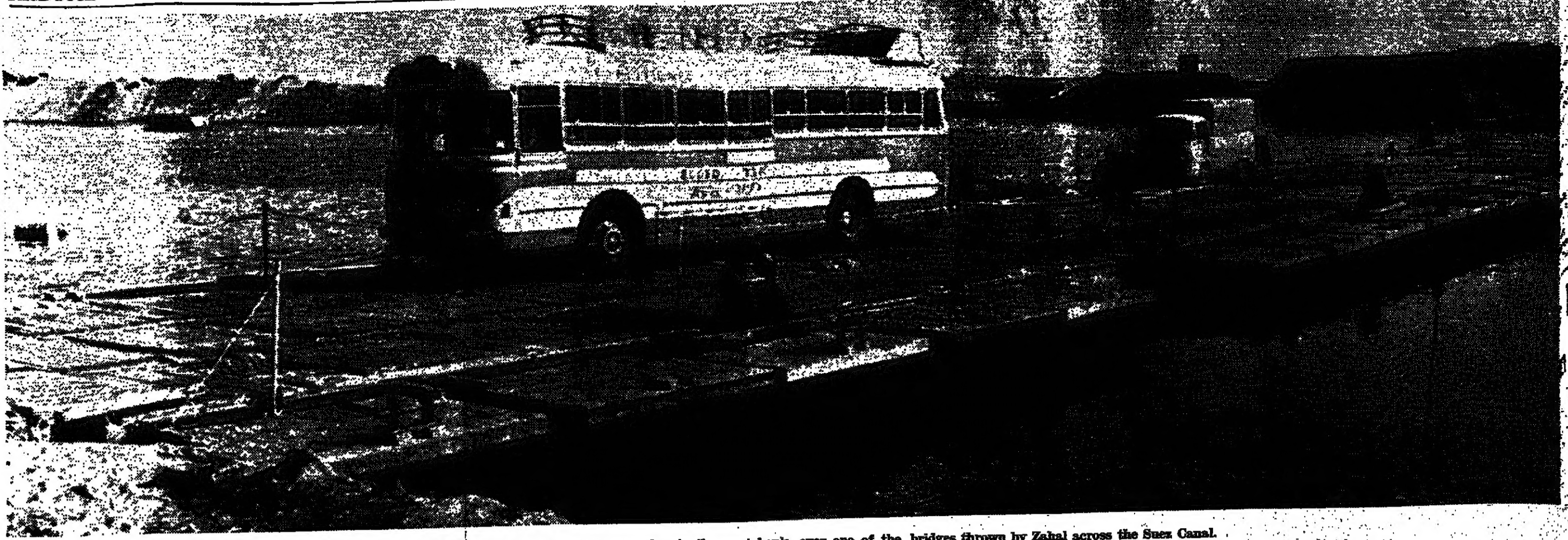












An EGGED bus on army service crossing to the west bank, over one of the bridges thrown by Zahal across the Suez Canal.

# EGGED'S BATTLE ON 2 FRONTS

For many years, almost since the start of Israel's struggle for independence, EGGED buses have been the country's main "battle wagons." These buses travelled the roads of the country during the bloody disturbances that preceded the establishment of the State, when danger could be waiting round every corner. During the War of Independence, it was in armoured buses that our fighting men forced their way through, in the convoys to beleaguered Jerusalem and the Negev, which was cut off. EGGED buses carried a great part of the Israel Defence Forces to staging points and battle fields in the Sinai Campaign. These buses were the assault vehicles of the unit of paratroopers that fought at Um-Katef in the Six Day War... and again, in these buses, the army of Israel was transported to the fronts, to repulse the enemy, in the Yom Kippur War.

Previous campaigns entailed requisitioning of buses and the call up of members of the Cooperative, and this produced inconvenience to the public and difficult operating conditions for EGGED for a short time, since the campaigns and emergency periods were short. This time, the Cooperative is called on to exert a sustained effort on two fronts — the military front, which has absorbed a great part of EGGED's bus fleet and more than half its staff, and the home front, where those not called up are forced to improvise, and solve the problems involved in maintaining public transport services — albeit restricted services — under these conditions.

Since the sounding of the first alarm at noon on Yom Kippur, EGGED has been extended to the utmost on both fronts; EGGED is coping with the difficulties — meeting the needs of security, and maintaining a reasonable public service. The sustained effort involved in maintaining services at home, made by the members of the Cooperative — and these include members of the administrative staff with impaired health, pensioners, and non-driving staff — is to be seen in the same light as the contribution of those members who have been called up, and those that have gone out to serve Zahal with their buses on the northern and southern fronts. Despite the thinning of the ranks produced by the emergency situation, the members of EGGED have kept control of the situation, and they are prepared to work at whatever pressure is necessary, as long as the enemy is at the gates and the emergency continues.

We have chosen a few pages from EGGED's war diary, which tells the story of our drivers, on duty at the wheel on the main highways and dirt roads, the tracks across the scorching desert and the winding mountain roads of the Golan Heights and Bashan, in towns, on the interurban roads, on special journeys to fulfil security needs, and on routine journeys from everywhere to everywhere, all over the map of Israel.

This story of our drivers describes, better than any statistics, the vital role of the Cooperative in the life of the country, and shows the Cooperative as an inseparable part of the State.

## • SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6 — YOM KIPPUR

Following an early warning of the possibility of a state of preparedness being declared, which was issued on the eve of Yom Kippur, the tanks of all buses are filled; the heads of EGGED and DAF Secretariat are called to an interview with the Minister of Transport at 2 p.m., who tells them to put public transport services into operation immediately. About half an hour later, for the first time since the establishment of the State, Tel Aviv Central Bus Station comes to life on Yom Kippur, and buses start going about the country on various security missions. Reservist soldiers hurry to bus stops or to their units' meeting points, where buses are waiting for them, to take them to the staging areas. No one complains about overcrowding or lack of comfort. Everyone is in a hurry to reach and join his unit, to get to the front to ease the pressure on the regulars, who at that time are taking the heavy pressure of the enemy assault in the north and south.

The secretariat of the Cooperative meets, and decides to put EGGED on an emergency footing. More than 2,600 of the total of 3,200 EGGED buses have already been requisitioned by Zahal. The drivers of these buses were on the road so quickly, they left without even a toothbrush. Thousands of members were called up to their army units, leaving only those excused active army reserve service, and those who are not called up in the first batch. Services must be organized within the possibilities available, office staff must be put behind the wheel, pensioners must be pressed into service, and a reduced service operated. Three emergency headquarters are set up: Tel Aviv, Jerusalem and Haifa. The Tel Aviv headquarters is the national command, the two others, regional. A nine-hour day is instituted; incentive salary payments and the small payments for overtime are cancelled, in order to enable EGGED to pay all those called up their full pay during the emergency period.

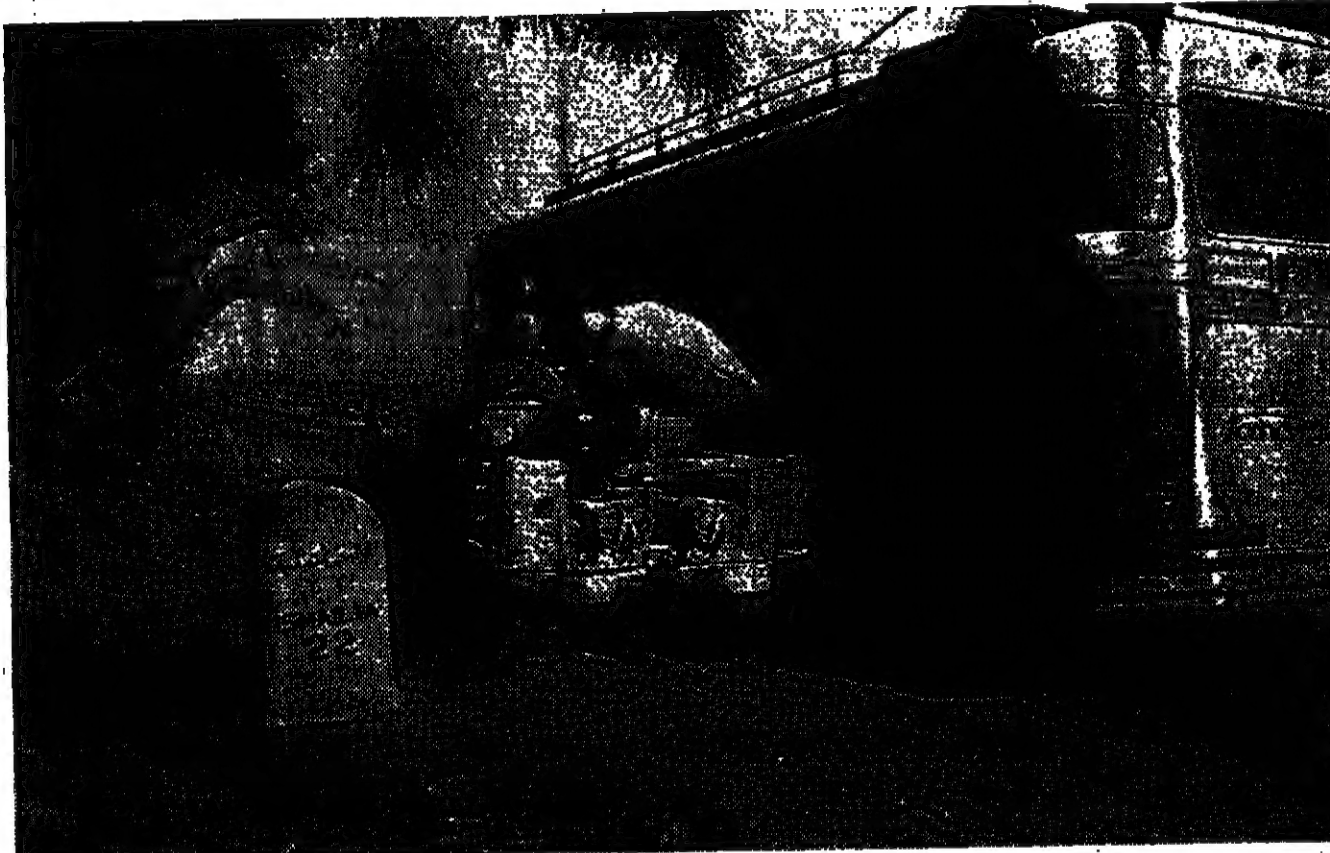
Everything that happened before the war broke out has been wiped from the slate: the struggle to get fares raised; the financial difficulties of the Cooperative, stemming from increases in operating costs, in the absence of suitable compensation; the dispute with the Government over the scale of compensation for cost increases that occurred in the past... now, all are endeavouring to get the Cooperative working at full capacity, to meet all the demands made by the war and home fronts, to get the wheels turning.

## • SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7

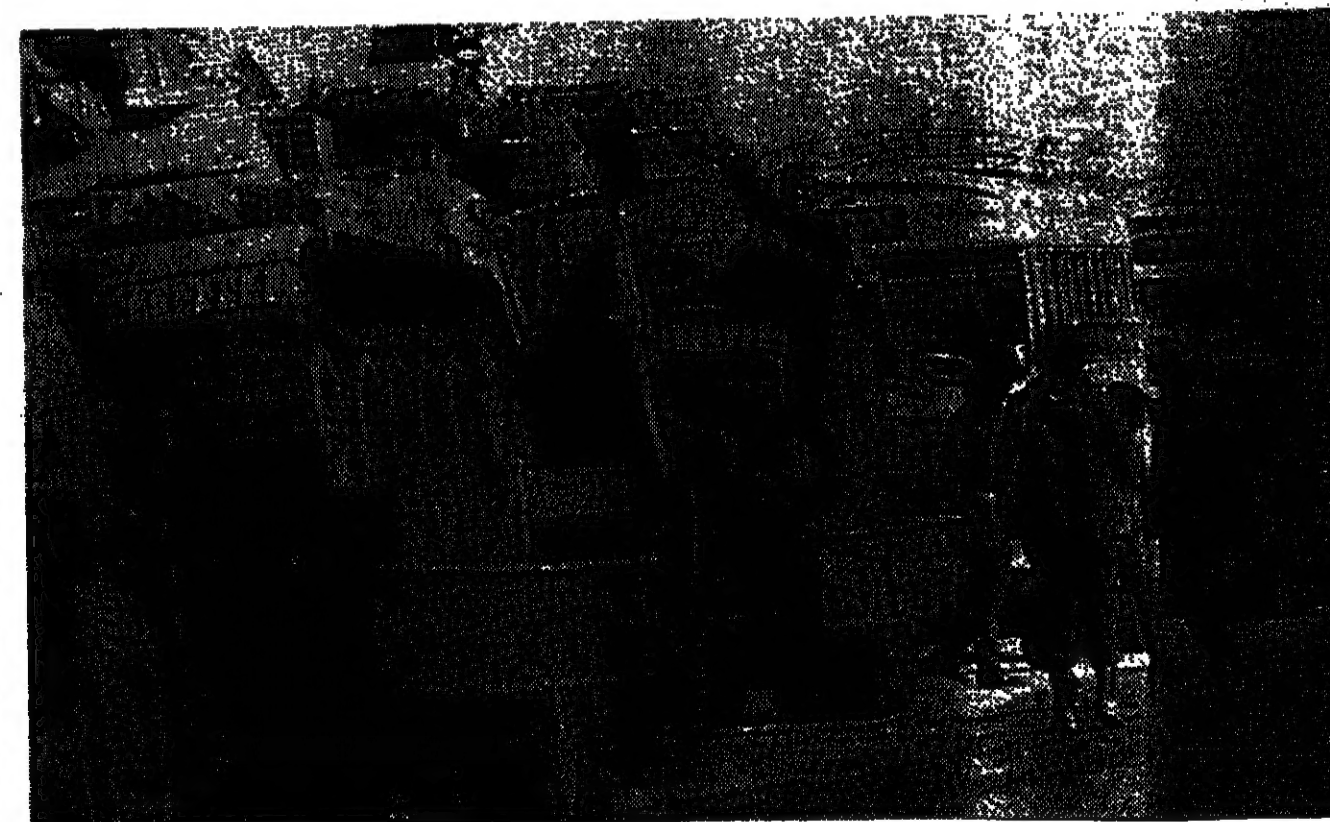
In most parts of the country, the Cooperative's services were started on an emergency scale at 6 a.m. All interurban express journeys have been cancelled, and buses are picking up passengers at all stops. Parallel routes and various services have been suspended. Drivers are working one twelve-hour shift. Services stop at 6 p.m., when the black-out comes into effect. The number of passengers is very small indeed.

The Cooperative's buses working with Zahal are already on the road to the Canal and the Golan Heights; the soldiers are taken literally up to the firing lines. First reports of hits on buses are coming in. Members who got on the road quickly are now feeling the lack of toilet kit and a change of clothing.

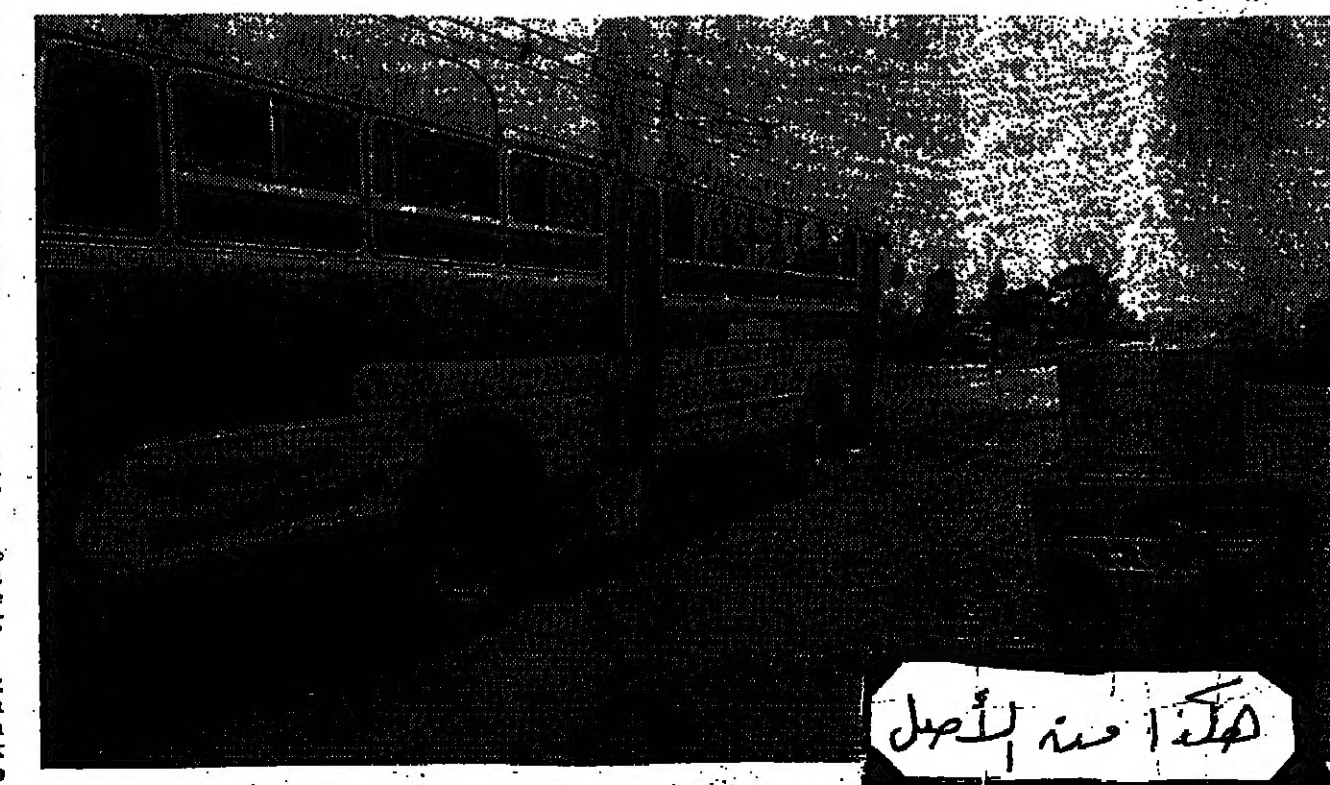
No contact with EGGED bases in Sinai. No communications link at all with the EGGED base at Abu Rodels. Telephone link with the base at Sharm e-Sheikh open: 30 buses being operated from this base; driver morale high. Two members who have got stuck at the base at Santa Katarina get instructions on how to get to Ophira (Sharm). After a few hours anxiety, on account of Egyptian commandos which have been landed in Sinai, the two arrive safely.



In the area in Egypt, held by Zahal, 22 km. south of Ismailia.



En route for the battle: a convoy of tanks on transporters, and buses carrying troops, somewhere in Sinai.



Organization and maintenance facilities move in behind the buses.

## • MONDAY, OCTOBER 8

Buses that took troops to the front start to return to the parks. They stay in the parks for lack of personnel to take them on normal services. In Jerusalem, 70 buses in operation, urban routes, and 15 on interurban routes. A hundred already out of service and standing in parks. In the whole southern district — from Zichron Ya'acov to Eilat — 450 in operation, and in the northern district, another 301.

Buses that have been damaged start to arrive at the Cooperatives. The buses that have returned from service with after journeys over bad roads and in very difficult conditions in need of urgent attention. The garage staff are working day and night; the few who are left — some 20% — spare not ensure that the Cooperative's buses keep rolling. Many workers carry on with practically no sleep. The story garages does not make headlines, but is very evident in the state in which the buses are maintained.

## • TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9

Steady improvement in traffic planning. The emergency headquarters make big efforts to increase the number of routes in operation. Throughout the country, the number of buses on the road already gone up to 1,273. Many others remain in the parks for lack of drivers. The number of passengers continues to be there is almost no crowding, despite the "pruning" of the tables.

The first stories start getting back from the fronts. Buses attacked by Libyan Mirages near Romany in Sinai. Members on route disappear behind cover — and wash their uniforms. When things get difficult, no opportunity must be missed.

Zahal's mobility is one of its main sources of strength. Other things, this mobility is based on EGGED buses, which part of Israel's standard "battle fleet." But EGGED's mot of the highest, even in comparison with Zahal's: members were called up on Yom Kippur to carry soldiers in their returned home, were called to their units, and returned front as soldiers. In the meantime, the old war horses pensioners who sensed the great need for working hand sent themselves at the Cooperative's emergency headqu to help carry the burden. And help carry the burden they with long hours of hard work. The buses must keep roll

## • THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11

First day of Succot. For the first time since the war broke there are no routes being operated, except for the routes in and suburban Haifa. The emergency headquarters take a and prepare for what is to come. Many buses requisitioned Zahal have not returned to the home front; they continue make journeys for the various army units. They have "disappeared" from the maps of the emergency headquarters, and knows where they are. Teams are formed to locate them and the drivers, and to get essential kit through to them who hit the road without basic gear. Pocket money is also for members who are with their army units. No doubt it need it.

Offices of the Cooperative which have been closed since the break of the war prepare to reopen. Administrative staff time behind the wheel early in the morning or in the afternoon. Every journey counts; everyone who can drive is press service.

## • SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13

In accordance with an instruction from the Ministry of Transport, public transport services are being provided on the Sabbath is done to allow those on essential duties to get to their jobs. No improvement in the number of buses and no available. Some three-quarters of the Cooperative's drive still in the army. Passenger load is still very small.

First week of the war nearly over. The picture emerging is black. Despite the difficulties, service is being provided, members are prepared to make the considerable effort in maintaining services. The week to come, and perhaps the after that, will no doubt demand concentrated effort. The already being given to improving the service, increasing number of hours the buses run, and filling in the timetable meantime, these are just ambitions.

## • SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21

The second week of the war has gone by, without catastrophes in the bus service. Some services have been increased, as possibilities allow. The express services between the cities have been restarted. First estimates are being made of economic damage caused to the Cooperative by the war reduction in income is about 60%. The tourist branch important part of EGGED's operations before the war completely out of action. Financial position serious.

Nahariya bus station and central garage damaged by Syrian plane. Estimated damage: IL150,000. EGGED and DAF make a joint decision to purchase IL12 worth of Voluntary War Loan: EGGED's share — IL9. Members, employees, and pensioners of the Cooperative to loan with their 1974 thirteenth month's salary.

The cease-fire has not produced a slackening in the pressure. More than half the members are still in the army, services being maintained on a limited scale. Although emergency headquarters have been disbanded, and the Secretary has resumed the running of the Cooperative, the problem likely to remain for a long time. The increased state of readiness, which is frequently reintroduced, produces tensions in the manpower available, and limits the amount of work that can be undertaken. Routes to which buses have been added are "pruned" again, and improvements introduced have been cancelled. On the other hand, despite the tight situation improvements are again put into effect, and the possibility of increasing services. The long hours put members behind the wheel are taking their toll. They are but carry on. The shadow of war still threatens, and the ease up has not yet arrived. As long as the emergency continues, and the army is deployed at the fronts, the emergency will continue at EGGED — as long as it is necessary to stand firm on two fronts — the security/preparedness for the home front, where services for the civilian population be maintained.



# 'A TERGAFFE' BECOMES SERIOUS

(UPI). — France's equivalent of the Watergate scandal — the "Canard Enchaîné" affair — has become a major event to the Government. The weekly newspaper, which specializes in government scandal, yesterday published a story claiming that Interior Minister Marcelle Marcellin had personally supervised the installation of listening devices in the newspaper's offices.

The newspaper, which is owned by a group of businessmen, has a long history of exposing government secrets. It was founded in 1931 and has since then been a major force in French journalism.

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advance of publication. He said, "I never had anything to do with such an affair."

But denial or not, French public opinion, already conditioned by heavy press coverage of the U.S. Watergate affair, appeared unconvinced there was no government role.

Tuesday, Judge Alain Bernard, in charge of handing down an indictment, discovered a network of wires in a disused chimney shaft leading from the drilled holes. This deflated suggestions last week by Gaullist Party leaders, Premier Pierre Messmer among them, that "Le Canard Enchaîné" staff had staged the whole incident to increase circulation.

Information Minister Jean-Philippe Lecat was far from discounting the whole business Tuesday when questioned by the Senate. Lecat said the affair "could have consequences." Only recently the Senate voted to stop funding for what a report described as a vast round-the-clock telephone wire tapping bureau operating from offices on the Left Bank.

The daily newspaper "L'Aurore," generally pro-government, expressed doubt about Marcellin's denial, saying in a headline: "Marcellin denies all, but..." The newspaper added that the Minister's statement did not explicitly exclude the possibility his subordinates organized the bugging.

## ron Broom' can't clean up Georgia

(AP). — Widespread corruption and sloth have been the main reasons why the local Communist Party, which has been in power since 1945, has failed to clean up Georgia.

The newspaper, which is owned by a group of businessmen, has a long history of exposing government secrets. It was founded in 1931 and has since then been a major force in French journalism.

The story in the newspaper, which was published on December 3, claimed that Marcellin had ordered the installation of listening devices in the newspaper's offices in order to monitor its activities. The newspaper's editor, Jean-Louis Luchaire, had previously been accused of leaking information to the press.

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## Soviets use U.S. computers to perfect Mirv missiles

WASHINGTON (AP). — The new addition to the Soviet missile arsenal was developed with the help of an American-produced computer, a U.S. Congressman has claimed.

Representative Ben Blackburn, Republican of Georgia, told a news conference that the computer, which he said was used to perfect the first Mirv — multiple independently targeted re-entry vehicle.

Russia successfully tested the missile earlier this year, and thus got parity with U.S. missile technology, said Blackburn.

He said the weapon's designers used a computer bought three years ago through the British subsidiary of Control Data Corp.

"The American strategic advantage due to existence of our Mirv has been erased by a successful test of a Soviet Mirv SS-18," said Blackburn. He said that the Mirv was "the only area of sophisticated military technology in which the U.S. had enjoyed a definite lead."

"We have received disturbing reports regarding a continuing and increasing flow of sophisticated American technology to the Soviet Union and to some of the Warsaw pact countries," he said.

"Most of the technology being transferred has a direct military application," Blackburn noted that IBM completed a computer sale to the Soviets earlier this year, while Fairchild has just negotiated an \$80m. computer equipment sale to Poland.

"Transfer of American capital goods and technological know-how contributes to the Soviet's ability to ultimately destroy our country and our allies," said Blackburn.

Blackburn said he will soon introduce legislation allowing the embargo of all exports to countries "which conduct a policy intended to harm the economy and endanger the security of the U.S."



Security men surround U.S. Secretary of State Dr. Henry Kissinger (center), as he leaves the British Foreign Office with Foreign Secretary Sir Alec Douglas-Home yesterday. (AP photograph)

## China speeding up border settlement

PEKING (Reuters). — China is speeding up the agricultural development of its mountainous frontier regions to strengthen them against invasion and natural disasters.

The latest edition of the theoretical party journal "Red Flag" urged communes in mountainous areas to store adequate grain reserves so that "they are prepared to cope with any aggressive war which might be launched by imperialism and social imperialism, as well as any exceptionally big natural calamities."

The article said that turning rocky slopes into fertile land is not an easy job, but pointed out that "trees can be planted on high mountains, the water in ditches can be used to water fields and rocks can be used to build dams."

The barrel rocky slopes, after thorough transformation, can be turned into high-yield land, it added, citing the example of Hualin brigade in a mountainous area of Szechuan province in southwest China.

China is also trying to increase the security of its borders by encouraging large families among the minority peoples who live in some of the sparsely populated frontier regions, such as the Chuang in southwest China.

School leavers from the cities are also sent to live in the country to learn from the peasants and contribute to the agricultural development on which China's economy is still largely dependent, and the official press frequently publishes stories of city youths happily taking part in "socialist construction" in far-flung provincial communes.

## TRAIN GO-SLOW Whitehall extends emergency

LONDON (UPI). — The British Government yesterday proclaimed a state of emergency for a further one month period to give it powers to deal with a mounting economic and industrial crisis.

A government spokesman said the decision was taken at a cabinet meeting yesterday morning after a go-slow by 34,000 railroad locomotive drivers hit train services throughout the country and brought London commuter services to an almost total standstill.

Tens of thousands of workers were stranded at frigid railroad stations. Power officials also warned the country to expect more blackouts.

The original state of emergency was proclaimed a month ago after a nationwide slowdown by coal miners hit coal supplies adding to the energy crisis touched off by the Arab oil embargo.

Yesterday the battered pound sterling hit an all-time low, though later it staged a slight recovery.

The stock market too went into another trading slump. All newspapers headlined economic gloom and threatened disaster.

## HALF-MILLION STRIKE IN ITALY

ROME (AP). — Over half a million workers struck in a wide spectrum of labour issues ranging from auto-makers Fiat to construction workers in Sicily.

Turin, where Fiat is based, and Bologna had general strikes which varied from a whole day stoppage for school and university personnel to a three-hour walkout for factories, transportation and public offices.

In Rome, hundreds of tons of mail piled up at the main railway station in the fourth day of strike by the station's post office employees. The stoppage disrupted service throughout the city and worsened the continuing mail chaos in Italy.

## CYCLONE KILLS 89 IN BANGLADESH

DACCA (UPI). — The official death toll from a cyclone that hit southern Bangladesh on Sunday stood at 89 yesterday, but independent news reports said several thousand persons may have died in the storm.

A Dacca newspaper, the "Jangna," said the cyclone and tidal waves affected 2.5 million persons and destroyed and damaged property and crops worth \$135m.

## HOUTEK FAINTER THAN EXPECTED

TON (AP). — Once expected to be the brightest comet of the year, comet Kohoutek is being something of a disappointment, according to a U.S. astronomer.

Myron Mirman of the Naval Observatory says calculations indicate the comet's fainter right now than telescopic vision, that predictions made last April said it will remain so disappears from earth.

"I think it's going to be a object to the naked eye at best the comet's never look bigger and naked eye viewers than planet Jupiter, now visible in western skies," he said.

While suggesting that the celestial fireball will be a comparative disappointment for viewers without telescopes, Mirman said that, as far as astronomers are concerned, the comet's visitation still provides "a favourable opportunity to see a bright comet."

An Arizona observatory has heard radio signals from comet Kohoutek, the U.S. Space Agency has reported. The Agency's Comet Operations Centre said it appeared to be the first strong evidence of radio emissions from any comet.

## Greek politicians spurn military police charges

ATHENS (UPI). — Greek politicians accused by the military police of organizing with the Greek Communist Party and edited politician Andreas Papandreu the bloody incidents at Athens Polytechnic last month, yesterday denied the charges and asked the government to prove them.

Former Premier Panayotis Kanelopoulos said: "I denounce to the Greek people those who are hiding behind the anonymous declaration of premeditated lies."

"I challenge the government to take a position on the military police announcement, and to state whether it approves of it, and I challenge the military police to disclose the facts on which it founded its charges against us," said George Mavros, spokesman for the Centre Union Party.

Ioannis Zighidis, a former Centre Minister of Industry, also mentioned by the military police as an organizer of the incidents, did not issue a statement.

An announcement by the Greek Military Police (ESA), published in yesterday's newspapers, said that Kanelopoulos, Mavros and Zighidis organized the incidents at Athens Polytechnic, in collaboration with the Communist Party.

All three politicians were placed under house arrest by President George Papadopoulos, but were freed when the strongman's regime was overthrown by a group of Rightist officers under ESA commander Brigadier Dimitrios Ioannidis.

## Pope's niece asks for ban on WWII massacre film

ROME (Reuters). — The grand-niece of war-time Pope Pius XII today applied for the seizure of a film portraying the late Pontiff as having failed to intercede on behalf of 335 Roman Catholics massacred by the Gestapo in 1944.

A spokeswoman for Countess Eleonora Rossignani said she made the application because of the "great number of offences to the Pontiff's memory" committed each time the film was shown.

The Countess has already begun libel proceedings against actors Richard Burton and Marcello Mastroianni, who star in the film, producer Carlo Ponti and American author Robert Katz, on whose book "Death in Rome" the film is based.

The film, entitled "Massacre in Rome," shows Pope Pius XII as having failed to do everything possible to prevent the massacre in which 335 hostages were shot as a reprisal for an Italian partisan attack in which 33 German troops were killed.

The film has aroused fierce controversy over the role of Pius during the Nazi occupation.

The Vatican has bitterly attacked it as being a false representation of history, and officials have insisted that the Pope was not aware of Nazi plans before the massacre took place.

Author Robert Katz, however, maintains that he has seen documentary evidence which supports his theory that the Pope was informed beforehand.

Burton plays SS-Colonel Herbert Kappler — the man who supervised the massacre and who is still being held as a war criminal in Italy — while Marcello Mastroianni plays a fictional priest who tries to prevent the killings.

## 33 'mercenaries' held in Uganda

KAMPALA (AP). — Thirty-three white mercenaries were detained on Tuesday night as they attempted to enter Uganda in five vehicles from Zaire, Uganda Radio claimed yesterday.

A police official said they would be released as soon as the authorities established their identities. Officials said no charges had been placed against the group.

A spokesman said the group was mostly composed of young men from Japan, West Germany, the U.S., Britain, and Canada. He said they had been moved from Kasoro on the Zaire border to Kampala, where they were being interrogated.

The spokesman said they had explained that they were members of an expedition which had already visited Kenya, Nigeria, Ghana and other African countries.

HIJACKERS. — Three Yugoslavs who planned to hijack a DC10 airliner to Rhodesia from South Africa in August have been sentenced to jail terms ranging from three to five years, judicial sources in Belgrade said yesterday.

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## Top Italian doctors jailed

TURIN (AP). — Four of Italy's leading doctors and surgeons drew stiff jail terms yesterday in a two-billion lire — \$3.3 million — embezzlement case. Another eight doctors were acquitted because, the court said, they were not aware they were breaking the law.

The stiffer term was passed against Giulio Cesare Dogliotti, 67, Turin's leading surgeon. He was sentenced to four years and eight months in jail. He and three other doctors were suspended from their jobs as professors of the Turin University and heads of the various departments of Turin's medical faculty clinics.

They were charged with retaining for them and their aides a substantial part of payments from the clinics' patients over many years, while the money was supposed to be paid into the university fund.

The doctors said they did not feel bound by the university rules since the prevailing practice in non-university hospitals in Italy is for the doctor to share part of the patients' payments.

The defendants were expected to appeal the sentence. An appeal would leave them out of jail pending a final ruling.

The month-long trial roused a sensation in Italy where there had been recurrent reports that head doctors in university hospitals in various cities were misappropriating money. Similar investigations are under way in Milan, Florence and Naples.

## We Demanded

the immediate establishment of an emergency national coalition government, which would lead the people during these crucial days. Narrow party interests of the Ma'arach and the Likud frustrated this initiative.

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## Eyes on Damascus

THERE is some reason to hope that Syria will abide by the minimal standards of international convention and submit to the Red Cross the list of captured Israeli soldiers it holds and enable Red Cross officials to visit the prisoners. This is a subject which Dr. Henry Kissinger undoubtedly will raise during his forthcoming visit in Damascus, and which has already been intensively pursued with the Syrians by various sources.

Syria's position conflicts with the understanding reached between the United States and the Soviet Union on the ceasefire, which included an exchange of prisoners as already concluded between Israel and Egypt.

In addition, of course, Syria's stubborn refusal to submit lists and permit visits could endanger the Geneva conference due to open next week. The Government has made it clear that it could not attend a conference with the Syrians, designed to discuss peace, while Damascus refuses to accept elementary standards of international behaviour.

The issue is a profoundly

humane matter and affects many, many families in Israel. For until it is known precisely who is alive and imprisoned in Syria there can also be no clarity about the many soldiers who have been declared missing on the Syrian front. In the meantime, the families of all those not yet accounted for continue to live suspended in a state of dread and hope. The inhumanity of Syria's willingness to create and exploit such circumstances is clear to all and has placed it in an increasingly uncomfortable political position.

Even Syria, presumably, does not wish to remain beyond the pale of accepted international behaviour. And with all parties now geared for the Geneva conference, there is also room to doubt that the Syrians would want to stand universally accused as the obstacle to the conference.

If there is no change before then, there is at least cause for hope that during his visit Dr. Kissinger will be able to persuade Damascus that its policy has become clearly untenable.

# Mapai grip firm inside Labour Party

By MARK SEGAL  
Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

THE first session of the Central Committee of the Labour Party met at the height of a campaign with frantic overtones aimed partly against Mr. Meir and particularly against Mr. Dayan. The party's first task was to elect a new speaker to replace the late Yitzhak Rabin. In the process, the party's members to quash them. Newspapers blossomed with advertisements containing calls for "peace initiative now" and urging the removal of the leadership (i.e. Meir-Dayan-Gallil).

One of the driving spirits behind this campaign was Yacov Agmon, the successful impresario-producer, who stands politically between Meir and Rabin. The signatories included many of the so-called "Dizengoff Mafia" of show-business people who always favour anti-government petitions, as well as leftist fringe groups, but also members of the academic community.

Whether it is true or not that the initiators of these protests received any encouragement from inside the Alignment Establishment, it is a fact that many people are asking questions about the leadership's credibility in view of what happened in the war. However, there is a difference between heartfelt questioning arising from genuine confusion and grief, and exploiting this questioning in order to settle old scores.

It cannot be ignored that once the Central Committee concluded its deliberations, the newspapers, petitions and petitions faded away. Another interesting point is that the facilities of the Labour Party information and spokesmen's department were put at the disposal of the "Social and Economic Study Circle"

for their rally at the Party's Yehuda Club, which was advertised as being directed against Mrs. Meir and Mr. Dayan. Moreover, it is now questioned whether the expenses involved in organising this meeting were met from Labour Party headquarters.

If one considers the Labour Party's present set-up one sees that Mapai today is more than ever before the well-organized hankings of the Labour Party. Abduz Haavoda is suddenly divided between the followers of Gallil, Allon and Ben-Aharon, while Rabin's position has weakened, and particularly the Gush machine, stand out by contrast in a position to deliver the votes inside the party, and influence the future leadership.

This message — that Mapai will not let the smaller factions take over the main power centres — has apparently got through to Mr. Allon. He opened his Central Committee speech by speaking of a government shake-up. This laid him open to the charge by Mapai stalwarts like Tiborias Mayor Moshe Tsahar that he was settling personal accounts. After clearing to the doves at the Party meeting in Tel Aviv, he delivered a hawkish speech in Nazareth over the weekend.

Well-informed Mapai sources now believe that Mr. Allon began to re-plan his strategy after he decided to plan an alliance with Mr. Sapir and Mapai would not really serve his purpose. The Nazareth speech can be seen as an attempt to gain public support which might serve him in a crisis.

It was Uri Faberman M.K., the

Moshav Movement leader, who pointed out at the Central Committee that those who advocate introducing minimalist emphasis in the programme should study the public opinion polls which indicate contrary trends. Indeed it is said that these considerations played a role in Mrs. Meir's confidence vote, for the idea of going to the electorate without her, scared the election managers.

It was also tied in with "meaningful changes in the Cabinet" to quote Mr. Sapir. For in Israel, party platforms tend to remain pieces of paper; what does determine development is who will be in the Cabinet team. This was the line taken by the Alignment propaganda chiefs when they reopened their TV campaign on Saturday night with talk of "our revitalized leadership team" and put on Eitam Ben-Lev who made a significant differentiation between the Government and the leadership when referring to current criticism.

David Ben-Gurion achieved the Declaration of the State in May, 1948, when major segments of his party led by Sharett and Sprinzak were ready to compromise on a declaration of a "Jewish Government." Indeed, it was only by 5-4 votes that the *Mitakelet Be'ar* voted for statehood.

Thus Israel's position during the Geneva peace talks and its capacity to withstand pressures will depend greatly on who will be in the Cabinet. A team composed of Golda Dayan - Gallil - Sapir - Eitam - Allon would produce a different stand from one including Eitam and Ben-Aharon, while a national coalition would produce a different stand again. Indeed, a crucial election.



Targets of attack.

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## Our standing arm should be enlarged

THE secret of survival, Darwin taught us, is adaptation to the environment in which one lives. We live in the Middle East and our statement must evolve a formula of adaptation. Not for simple survival — we shall survive under any circumstances — but for survival without a war every six or seven years. Let us not forget that, since the Yom Kippur War, close to 2,000 girls may be unable to find husbands, because of the soldiers who died before their time.

One of the many lessons we must learn from the War is to live with in our means, to cut our coat according to the cloth. Not just financially speaking, although that would make sense, too. But in the way we husband our resources, particularly of manpower. Ever since 1948, we have prided ourselves on the quality of a small, highly efficient regular army, which trains the men doing their military service who later become reservists to be called up in time of emergency. We brought this call-up system to a pitch of perfection that has been widely admired and studied. But we are not Switzerland, which has not had to call up its reservists for anything except annual training and frontier duties for decades, if not centuries. We have been embattled ever since the State was established.

Economic troubles

When the surprise attack was launched on Yom Kippur, our civilian population was safe within — for us — far flung borders. But we had to move reservists and material over great distances. Despite the cease-fire and the forthcoming Geneva peace talks, the majority of our reservists are still under arms and the economy is suffering as a result. Although it is reported that industrial productivity rose during the war-period, there are not enough trucks to move farm and factory products for civilians to the shops, nor the men to drive them. Small one-man enterprises, which make their contribution to the general prosperity of the economy, have been forced to close down as their owners are at the front. We have to rely on volunteers from abroad to help pick citrus in time for the Christmas export season (and who knows how much fruit is damaged through lack of experience). According to a re-

cent radio report, bus drivers working an almost superhuman and dangerous — 14-hour day. Is it not perhaps time to thoughts in the direction of a larger standing army, even though the idea is against the grain and may tend to change the unique character of Israel? A standing army would mean reservists having to be mobilized in emergencies, might absorb period of compulsory military service. Why not try to have a larger regular army, with Zabar traditions, which could serve as one more challenge to the young? It might be a generation of military men talk only in four-letter words.

Israelis are not in fact minded, but some of them are prepared to consider the career if the idea is presented as one more challenge to provide a useful future? who do not fit into other after finishing their military service. It might low military service for go on a voluntary basis, together other national service call to religious girls would be accepted. It might be cheaper in the long run, present system.

The time has come for a good deal of hard work about many things which begun to accept mechanics are about to confront new? We cannot afford to take for granted any more. Even of Israeli society must not be examined in the light of conditions in which we ourselves.

## Dry Bones



## ISRAEL PRESS

### Dayan's 'astonishing' remark

Al Hamishmar (Mapam) expresses astonishment at Defence Minister Dayan's statement that Israel would not participate in the peace conference if Syria did not present a list of POWs before the meeting. "What is so astonishing is that Mr. Dayan did not say this was his personal view, but that it was the Cabinet decision," as he understood it.

"One might expect the Minister responsible to understand Cabinet decisions correctly, to be accurate in conveying them to the public, and not to give his own interpretations if these do not tally with the Cabinet decision."

She'arim (Poalei Agudat Israel) remarks that Jordan's participation in the October War, even on a limited scale, marked a departure from its previous policy of seeking ways to agree with Israel. It indicated King Hussein's striving to return to the Arab camp. In his latest pronouncements, he has become increasingly the mouthpiece for King Faisal, his main supporter politically and financially. Faisal's influence in the Arab world has vastly increased because of the oil weapon. He has shown support for the terror organizations, even leftist ones. King Hussein has followed suit, despite the bloody past. He has sought a reconciliation with these organizations and is prepared to form a joint delegation to Geneva.

"It is not clear exactly what

Hussein will do if the cease-fire breaks down, but it is clear that he will, at King Faisal's prompting, display intransigence on the Jerusalem issue, which is likely to become one of the difficult points of contention at the Geneva conference."

Devar (Histadrut) declares that the demolition of terrorists' houses and deporting of leading personalities in the territories were carried out only after due warnings from the military commanders of the region.

"One cannot ignore the setting for the latest wave of incitement and hostility. The Arabs' sense of triumph in the early stage of the October War, the atmosphere created by the Algiers summit which affirmed official Palestinian representation at Geneva, and last but not least, the controversy raging in Israel itself over the territories and the borders. This has undoubtedly encouraged the terrorist organizations to feel that now is the time to strike. Public opinion leaders in Israel would do well to consider this effect of their extremist pronouncements."

Hatsafa (National Religious) on the elections, calls for support from the entire religious camp for the platform of the NRP, with its three main principles: Israel's religious-historic right to Palestine, the striving for a durable peace and assurance of secure boundaries. The paper notes the importance of continued settlement of the administered territories "so as to consolidate our rights to the whole of Palestine."

Ha'retzei (non-party) hopes that in view of the emergency situation all bodies concerned will agree to extend current collective wage agreements. They are due to be reviewed by January 31, 1974, for another year.

## Readers' letters

### THE ATOMIC DETERRENT

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post  
Sir, — The enemies of Israel have exhibited themselves as bloodthirsty, unreasonably unethical and immoral. Despite Kissinger's energetic, if misdirected efforts, it is developing, as in the past, that the Arab leaders cannot be dealt with on any level that a normal, 20th century sense of equity should consider acceptable. The idea of "détente" with the "Dark Ages" outlook of our enemies is a mirage, for their end aim, beyond any question of doubt, is the destruction of the State of Israel and the massacre of its population. Nothing in their past or present behaviour or attitudes permits any contrary conclusion.

The only antidote possible is a display of, not use of, the full power of Israel's capabilities, for fear is the only force that can deter them. For some time newspapers abroad have reported that Israel possesses atomic capability. There is no longer any point in secrecy on

this subject. It will not matter if the U.S.S.R. promptly supplies atomic weapons to the Arabs, though this will add to its own peril. It may have already done so.

Sadat does not value the lives of his soldiers, but he surely values his own life as much as did Nikita Khrushchev in the Cuba confrontation with John F. Kennedy. In a word, neither Arabs nor Israelis will dare to use them. Then there can be "détente" paralleling that of the U.S. and the U.S.S.R., through mutual fear to start a war that would bring instant retaliation and destruction to the attacker.

If Israel itself does not yet possess the atomic punch, it needs the atomic umbrella that can then only be provided by the U.S.

There are no other practical alternatives that have permanent values.

SIDNEY KAYE  
Jaffa, December 6.

### PLEA FOR UNDERSTANDING

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post  
Sir, — An Arab nurse from the administered territories wrote to me recently, — "I am sorry for that war. I hope that one day we will live together in peace. You can't believe how much I suffered in those days, feeling sorry for the young soldiers from both sides who were killed instead of living nicely together."

The territories administered by Israel are achieving prosperity and a higher standard of living than any other Arab country. This must be obvious to many Arabs after six years of experience with Israel. The future which awaits them under King Hussein's rule is easy to imagine on the basis of 19 years' experience. What Israel would do for them is hard to guess. Why don't they voice their opinions when outsiders meddle in their affairs and claim to speak in their name? Why don't we help them to express such opinions when the enemy is inventing stories about Israel's mistreatment of the Arabs under our rule?

DEVORA GOLDGRABER  
Jerusalem, December 4.

### ISRAEL'S OIL PROBLEM

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post  
Sir, — I have a question for the experts: What will happen if, in return for some kind of "settlement," we give up our control of the oil fields of Western Sinai? The return of this area to Egypt seems to be taken for granted by doves and hawks alike. But in that event, should we not find ourselves in the position of Holland, Japan and Denmark, only much worse, i.e. subject entirely to Arab oil blackmail?

With the oil fields gone, the Arabs may turn the tap off at will, either by preventing our suppliers from supplying us, or by blockade. We have seen recently how easily both these things can be done. In this oil war, it is every man for himself, as Holland's European allies have demonstrated. Those same European states cannot now demand of us that we create for ourselves an insupportable oil threat in order to give them. If they have complaints about oil shortages, they must address them to where they belong, i.e. the Arab states that started the oil war.

If the oil embargo has any meaning for Israel, it is not that we must make concessions for the sake of "peace" or for the sake of our dubious friends abroad, but that we must hold on to the oil fields of Sinai with our finger-nails for the sake of our own existence.

HAROLD FISCH  
Petah Tikva, November 30.

### PRACTICAL SYMPATHY

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post  
Sir, — There is a school in West Berlin called the "College Français," founded some 300 years ago to serve the Augustinian Community (Protestant refugees from Catholic France) and since then one of the outstanding schools in Germany.

As an alumnus of that school, I just received a circular from the Alumni Club, addressed to "Old Collegians" all over the world.

After expressing solidarity with Israel and Jewish members during the recent war, the circular goes on to solicit generous contributions to a special fund set up by the club for the reconstruction of kibbutzim that were damaged during the first days of the war. In conclusion it says: "Let us hope that what will be built with our help, will never be destroyed again."

SEIMON YALLOH  
Jerusalem, December 5.

### REMAIN STRONG

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post  
Sir, — Throughout all the lands of the Diaspora, we Jews were the persecuted people. We walked with our backs bent in fear and servitude.

It is only since the rebirth of the State of Israel, 25 years ago, that the Jews of the world have walked with straight backs and heads held high, reflecting the example set by the State of Israel in her fearless strength as defender of the Jewish Homeland.

Today, with the pressures so strongly intensified against Israel, our government and our people, we must continue to stand straight and strong. We cannot weaken before the Russian bully, the oil blackmail, or the well-meant American pressure for "secure guaranteed borders." If we do not remain strong now, we condemn our nation, and our people once again to a posture of bent backs.

JOAN LEVI  
Jerusalem, December 5.

### WE HAVE BEEN WARNED

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post  
Sir, — Hitler warned the world. Nobody believed him. Sadat, too, warned the world, and particularly Israel. Again, nobody wanted to believe him.

And now Sadat utters yet another warning. On November 27, he said in Algiers: "The battle has not finished. The struggle has started and will continue for generations to come. War alone cannot settle the situation but we are now following the right path (to Geneva)." Presumably to an interim peace?

The peace conference being just a phase in the mind of the Arabs, the struggle "will continue for generations" — and, presumably, "until the total annihilation of the Zionist entity."

Israel beware!

DE. BRETHOLD WYLER  
Geneva, November 29.

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### SUPPORT FROM THE STATES

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post  
Sir, — Jews in this country (and some non-Jews) really do care. We have seen a great reaction in Rochester and heard of the same throughout the country, in Canada and in England. People who never before expressed any interest in Israel have come out from under stones. We've been at meetings where men as well as women have stood up to tell of their pledges to the Emergency Fund, and have been crying so that they couldn't talk. Bitter who were always interested came through nobly, and even more inspiring was the outpouring of interest as well as money from many younger people, children of former big donors, whom we hadn't been sure of till now. As for the general public, we heard of the telephone mechanics who hooked up a Golda Meir talk to some UJA leaders meeting in Boston. After listening, he emptied his wallet of \$75 for Israel.

ROCHESTER, November 19.  
DEBBY KARP

### VISIT ISRAEL NOW

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post  
Sir, — On the eve of our departure, we wish to thank all the people who have made this, our first visit to Israel, a memorable occasion. We are particularly grateful for having been here during these trying times. To our friends in the U.S., we urge you to come to Israel now. She needs you. The land is beautiful and of course, safe.

LAUREL AND ALAN GOULD  
Tel Aviv (Vienna, Virginia), Nov. 26.

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